important religious days for the Roman Catholics in a year, and it was hard that they should be compelled to attend courts on these days without being able to perform their religious ceremonies at the appointed hours. He added that the subject of supplying Roman Catholic Bibles to courts was brought up at the last session of the Assembly and that all the courts had not yet been provided with them.

Reply.—The obligation to attend service alone will not interfere with appearance in courts. There is no such exemption in British India. To lay down a general rule of the kind will seriously hamper the disposal of public business. Applications, however, for late attendance or temporary absence may be made to the courts in individual cases.

As regards the supply of Catholic Bibles, it is observed that all the Magistrates' courts have been already provided with them and since the last session of the Assembly, all civil courts have been also supplied with copies of these Bibles. If any court still remains to be supplied, it will be attended to.

92. Prevention of delay in the execution of decrees and the necessity for improving the method of execution now adopted.

Mr. K. C. Mamman Mappillay, B. A., (*Kottayam*) said that it was desirable that the District judges should convene a meeting of Munsiffs and, after discussing with them the difficulties in the practical working of the present High Court proceedings and circulars on the subject, suggest for the consideration of the High Court any improvements in them that might be deemed necessary.

Reply.—This is a peculiar mode of doing business which, I think, need not be suggested to the High Court. They will themselves see to this if found necessary.

93. Avoidance of delay in the grant of copies of records from courts.

Mr. Varkey Oothuppu (*Ettumanur*) suggested that for avoiding the delay experienced at present in this matter the number of copyists might be increased, and that, when original documents were presented in courts, the parties themselves might be given permission to produce copies of them.

Mr. M. Bhuthalingam Pillai (*Eraniel*) also suggested the desirability

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